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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Edna Sessions of Waterford was in town, Sunday.

Mrs. George Hapgood is confined to the house by a bad cold.

How many times since Monday have you made 2 instead of 3?

Miss Virginia Goodnow visited relatives in Berlin, N. H., recently.

Best for the money—Jackson Chocolate—5¢ per pound at Lyon's.

Mr. Herbert Swan has been making repairs on Mr. A. F. Copeland's house.

Mr. W. E. Bosselman was confined to the house several days last week by illness.

Mr. F. L. Edwards has gone to Augusta where he will attend the legislative session.

The friends of Mr. Harry Brown are glad to see him out again after his recent operation.

Mrs. Marshall Hastings and daughter, Ruth, have returned home from a visit in Auburn.

All the students who were home for the holidays have returned to their respective schools.

Mr. Carroll Valentine of Boston is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine.

The installation of the officers of Sun-stet Nebekah Lodge was postponed from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15.

Mrs. Henry Chesley and daughter of Portland are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns.

Miss Crosby of Arlington, Mass., is the guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williamson.

Mrs. T. B. Burke went to Berlin, N. H., Saturday to accompany her sister, Mrs. E. E. Donahue, to Bethel.

A rehearsal will be held at L. O. O. Hall next Monday evening at 7:30, by the W. H. C. for installation.

Mrs. Nellie Phipps of Milan, N. H., spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. L. Edwards, and family.

Mr. W. J. MacKay was called to his home in Prince Edward Island last week on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Ordway announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris, to Lawrence A. Lord of Rumford.

Miss Margaret Davis, who is employed at Bethel Inn, was called to her home in Westerly, R. I., this week by care in the family.

Miss Helen Staples of Hanover passed away at her home last week. Miss Staples was well known in Bethel, having spent a number of winters here with friends.

The installation of officers of Brown McF Corp will occur on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 11. Mrs. Rebecca Isidor of Rumford will be the installing officer.

Mr. F. E. Donahue left the hospital at Berlin, N. H., last week and with his daughter, is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark. Mrs. Donahue is gaining rapidly.

Quite a blizzard visited Bethel last Tuesday and Friday when about eight inches of snow fell, accompanied by a high wind, piling the snow up in some places to a depth of three feet. On Saturday and Sunday the snow was still hanging, and the road was covered with snow. While Monday morning it had gone to 40 degrees above zero, with heavy dew point of rain all day, making traveling very bad.

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OFFICERS OF MT. ABRAHAM LODGE, L. O. O. F.

At the regular meeting of Mt. Abram Lodge No. 31, L. O. O. F. held last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

X. G.—Edward L. Good.

T. G.—Arthur E. Merle.

Secretary—James K. Hutchins.

Treasurer—Clarence K. Peck.

Trustee—W. L. Edwards, S. L. French.

1. A. M. —Arthur G. Brisch.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

With the first of January, there are several changes in the officers of Oxford County. The only change in those officers having a permanent office at the court house is the sheriff. In that office Harry D. Cole, who has held the position for six years, is succeeded by Frank F. Woodside of Fryeburg. Mr. Woodside is a well known citizen of Fryeburg, who has been in the dry goods business all his life. He was on the road for eighteen years, and has since run a dry goods store at Fryeburg. He is 49 years of age, and has a wife but no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodside are already occupying the office and residence of the jailer, although on account of the condition of the travelling they are short of furnishings, as they have not been able to get their household goods here from Fryeburg.

The family in the jail is down nearly if not quite to low water mark, there being only two inmates, one serving thirty days for intoxication, the other six months for assault.

Mr. Woodside has so far appointed the following deputies:

John H. Dennis, Rumford.

Guy A. Caldwell, Mexico.

Charles L. Davis, Bethel.

George H. Coleman, Fryeburg.

C. W. Cummings, Hebron.

Edgar L. Giles, Kesar Falls.

Mr. Woodside's election is contested by William O. Frothingham of South Paris, who was the Democratic candidate in the election in September, and the case is now in the court. A hearing was held on it Friday at Augusta before Chief Justice Cornish, and a decision by him is expected in about two weeks.

In the office of county attorney, Harry M. Shaw of South Paris, who has served two years, is succeeded by Hugh W. Hastings of Fryeburg, a well known young attorney, and junior member of the law firm of Hastings & Son.

E. Chandler Bazzell of Fryeburg, who has served a six year term as county commissioner, is succeeded by Frank E. Stearns of Hebron.

Abby T. Andrews of Fryeburg, wife of Charles L. Andrews, becomes Registrar of Deeds in the Western District, at the registry in Fryeburg. For some years the incumbent of the office has been Dean A. Ballard of Fryeburg, but the actual work has been done by his niece, Miss Abby Ballard. Miss Ballard is also an assistant in the bank at Fryeburg, and the work of that position has

so increased that she has given up the registry work to Mrs. Andrews, who has been her assistant. Mrs. Andrews was regularly nominated and elected to the office.

W. H. Jenne, Register of Deeds, Donald B. Partridge, Clerk of Courts, and George M. Atwood, County Treasurer, succeed themselves for a four-year term in their respective offices.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT

NOTICE

The annual planning meeting of the Farm Bureau and Home Demonstration Department will be held at Grange Hall, Bethel, Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 A. M., all day meeting. Dinner served at noon. All members are requested to be present and everyone interested is invited to attend. A very interesting program is assured. Eastern slides shown.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Our Infidel Father has seen fit to call from our number Sister Louise Purrington, and while we bewail his death, we make our humble submission to His Will, be it

Resolved, that Susan Nebekah Lodge has lost a valuable member and one who was ever ready to share the burdens and joys of life alike, and while we mourn the loss of our departed Sister, yet we feel that what is far less is her gain.

Resolved, that our charter be draped in her memory, these resolutions spread upon our records, a copy sent to the bereaved husband, and a copy published in the Oxford County Citizen.

DORRIS FROST,

DAIBY THILBROOK,

CLEO A. RUSSELL,

Committee on Resolutions.

MARSHALL DISTRICT

Miss Irene Briggs is visiting relatives and friends in Grover Hill.

Miss Miss Briggs spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Haslett.

Mr. Walter Gauvin and son, Harold, were business callers at George Briggs' recently.

Mr. Henry Briggs called on Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Haslett one day last week.

Mr. Allen Palmer and Millard Littlefield were recent callers at Geo. Briggs'

home.

Officers Print Shop printing articles.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor

Sunday School at 12,

Y. P. C. U. meeting at 7.

Meeting of the Comrades at 3 P. M.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achtembach, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 4, 3 o'clock:

Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Tuell

Sunday, Jan. 7:

10:45: Worship conducted by the pastor.

Theme of sermon, "Bread."

12:00: Sunday school.

4:00: Junior C. E. meeting at the home of F. P. Flint.

Leader, Betty Sawyer.

Topic, "How to start the year right in this Society."

7:00: Meeting of the Young People's

Society of Christian Endeavor.

Wednesday, Jan. 10:

7:30: Meeting of the Community

4:45: Rehearsal of the chorus.

Teacher Training Group at the parsonage.

The book, "The Pupils," will be

studied.

Not only Sunday school teach-

ers but all interested in raising

the standards of the Christian education of the young are invited to join the group.

Meetings will be held weekly, accord-

ing to decision to be made by the group.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Oliver, Pastor

It was voted to accept an invitation

to join the Congregational service next

Sunday.

Jan. 14: Services will be held as usual

with a deputation from Bates College.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science services are held

every Sunday in Grange Hall, Spring

St., at 10:30 A. M. All are welcome.

WOOD FOR SCHOOLS

Green wood is needed for the schools

of Bethel. Blids are asked for furnishing

wood for all the schools except East

and Middle Intervale. F. B. RUSSELL

Sup't of Schools.

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GRANGE NEWS

PLIBASANT VALLEY GRANGE

The next regular meeting of Pleasant

Valley Grange will be held Tuesday

evening, Jan. 9. At this time will take

place the installation of the newly

elected officers for 1923. The meeting

will be public and all are cordially in-

vited to be present.

LAUREN A. KEENE

The funeral of Lauren A. Keene, who

died on Sunday at his home in Wood-

ford where he was a prosperous farm-

er, Nov. 23, 1883, he was united in

marriage with Florence M. Turner of

this town, daughter of Elijah and Lucy

(Mason) Turner. One child was born,

Millard Elmer, who was at one time

employed in the Citizens office, who is

now the wife of Philip J. Perry of

Woodfords.

He is survived by his wife and daugh-

ter and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Keene was a member of the Bap-

tist church and Union Grange, E.

Stearns.

For a number of years he has suf-

fered from heart trouble and about 18 months

ago was stricken with a severe stroke

from which he never fully recovered,

but last summer got able to do light

work in his garden, but has been in fail-

BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 5)

Mr. A. J. Blake of Oldland was in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Jordan has been ill with a severe cold.

Mrs. Mary Robinson is assisting in the Carter home.

Mr. P. C. Thorstein was a visitor in Andover last week.

Mr. Jack McRorie of Oldland was a visitor in town over the week end.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs and son, Charles, are visiting her parents at South Paris.

Mrs. Ruth Moore, who spent the holiday at her home, returned to Bethel, Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Smith have just had their lights installed in his home on New Street.

Present laundry of Varnum was the guest of Alice Brattin last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Merrill has been assisting at the Varnum's over the week end and Sunday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Nichols was the guest of the Maria Morris and Marion Foyt last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jordan and son, Walter, dined with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spurrton, Friday.

Robert Lee was the moon for about forty visitors last week. Sports of all kinds were enjoyed.

Mr. Ed. McPherson got his load cut quite early by his sons working on it link one day last week.

Miss Marian Foyt returned to her school at Pittsfield, Monday, after spending a week at her home here.

Miss Mona Myron of Norway was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Myron, over the week end and Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Grier is making plans to H. P. Thurston's mill, Channing Street, and Harry Churchill are visiting the place for him.

Mr. Harry Martino arrived yesterday on the death of his uncle, Mr. John Brown, at his home in South Paris. Mr. Brown was formerly of Newry and well known in Bethel.

Miss Fred Edwards and daughter, Dorothy, have moved their home for the winter end, 112 Elmwood in Portland, while Mr. Edwards is in Augusta as a Representative in the Legislature.

Thursday evening, Dec. 26, the W. R. C. held a supper at \$5.00 and despite the extremely weather a good time was had by all to enjoy it. At the meeting in the evening a Christmas tree was decorated with the drawing a part age. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. W. H. Foyt celebrated her 75th birthday, Wednesday, Dec. 27. She is continuing at home. Mrs. Helen Jones, Mrs. Alice Clark, Mrs. Leah Nichols, Mrs. Anna and a great many other relatives, friends and guests from friends and a short distance away from Mrs. Foyt.

How to Keep Well

Keep well, and you won't have to get sick. Good food, pure water, plenty of exercise, sunlight and fresh air. Above all, keep a clean house, clean clothes, clean hands, and a clean body. All these things will help you to stay well.

See Dr. W. H. Foyt, Portland, Maine.

Mr. R. H. Greenleaf's father is a guest in his home.

Mr. A. F. Copeland went on an extended business trip this week.

Mr. Jason Carter of Jonesport is visiting his son, Mr. J. L. Carter.

Mrs. Ernestine Philbrick has returned to her school in Aspencote, Mass.

Mr. C. F. Upton of Norway was calling on friends and old neighbors in Altony and Bethel over the week end.

Will Hagedorn of Jefferson Heights, N. H., was an overnight guest at the Hagedorn farm the last of the week.

Mrs. Lillian Lyons Goodridge has returned to her work at W. C. Bryant's store after an absence of several weeks.

The Gehring Bingham party arrived in Santa Barbara, Dec. 22, receiving a royal welcome from friends. They report a delightful journey. The transition from our northern winter to that of sunny Southern California was quite noticeable.

CANTON

The officers of Anasagashook Lodge, 1 to 12 P. of Canton were elected Wednesday evening as follows:

N. G.—George B. Harrons
V. G.—Samuel T. Hayden
Dir. Sec.—Wm. A. Loras
For. Sec.—Herbert A. Howell
Treas.—Edwin K. Hobbs

Trustee—L. A. Hard
Tag
Jester—H. A. Howell

The many friends in Canton of Jesus Hayes of Mexico are pleased to learn of his critical illness. Miss Clara M. Harrons is caring for him. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes moved from Canton last summer to live with their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Austin.

Miss Mabel Goding, who has been at home through the holiday vacation, is back to her school at York village, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard and children of Rumford have been guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Packard.

Miss Louis Russell of Pittsfield has been spending a week or two with her grandfather, A. P. Russell, and aunt, Miss Ethel V. Russell.

Charles W. Walker fractured his wrist last Wednesday while cracking his nuts at Canton village.

Miss Mary E. Reed has been spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Clark Ellsworth, and family of Auburn.

Dr. George Jones spent Christmas with his wife at Gileadville. He is employed at Ogallaga.

The Universal Circle meeting will be held Jan. 11 with Mrs. Lillian W. Bushnell, whose address will be given for the coming year.

A large family gathering was held on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Reed, whose present being Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellsworth and children of Auburn, Mrs. Frank Blanchard and Mrs. Gertrude Nease and children of Winslow, Captain Reed of Portland, Miss Eddie Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Verden Butler of Auburn, son, Reed, Frank Blanchard, Robert W. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Gilbert and children of Auburn.

Mr. Leo Martin has returned home.

Mr. Mary E. Reed of Newfield spent Christmas with her son, Mrs. John P. Sturtevant, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen H. Johnson entertained on Christmas Day Arthur Johnson and friend, Robert Gordon, of Newfield, Miss. Mildred Foster of Pittsfield and Mrs. Delia A. of Pittsfield, who is

turned Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Bicknell has returned to Portland.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held at the Orange Hall, Monday forenoon.

The Misses Arlene and Iva Russell returned to their schools at Brockton, Mass., Monday.

Miss Charlotte Bicknell has been spending several days with her sister in Portland.

The Handicrafters Club will meet Friday with Miss Ethel W. Russell.

Chas. F. Oldham has been spending a few days in Portland.

All the schools with the exception of the Gilberite school responded Monday. Repairs are being made at the latter schoolhouse.

The annual parish meeting of the Universalist church will be held Monday evening.

Allen Potter of Woodfords has been spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Packard.

Fred Russell of Swampscott, Mass., is a guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. C. F. Oldham, and family.

On account of the severe storm Canton Elementary held no meeting Friday evening.

John A. Hedge Relief Corps have elected the following officers:

President—Mrs. Isabel Gammon

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Lena Hall

Sec.—Mrs. Jessie Tilley

Treas.—Mrs. Estella C. Briggs

Concl.—Mrs. Hattie Dailey

Chaplain—Mrs. Eunice S. Oldham

Guard—Mrs. Abbie Proctor

The installation will be held Tuesday, the installing officer being Mrs. Alma Chamberlin and conductor, Mrs. Maud Richardson.

The Universalist Sunday school held a social and sale of homemade candy last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Gilbert of Biddeford has been a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

Rev. Frank M. Lamb officiated at the funeral of Loren Keene at Buckfield, Tuesday forenoon.

For a Short Time

Extra Pair Trousers

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WITH

Suit Made to Order

E. P. LYON

PARIS SLEDS

Skiis
Snowshoes
Ski Poles

Winslow Skates

Ice Saws and Ice Tongs

AT

G. L. THURSTON CO.

BETHEL, MAINE

January Clearance SALE

Make your plans to attend this sale as early as you can. Join the many prudent buyers who always look to this Annual Wearing Apparel Clearance Sale as the opportunity to buy Good Quality, Stylish and Dependable Merchandise at Remarkable Savings. Sale now in progress.

Coats Sharp Reductions

Selection is sufficiently large to show a wide variety of styles.

Coats for \$19.75, that were \$27.50. Several styles and nearly all sizes, the best colors, many are interlined. The materials used are Bolivia, Swedine and Velour.

One Coat for \$19.75, that was \$29.75, has fur collar and cuffs, figured silk lining and interlined.

One Coat, \$14.95, that was \$22.50, made of Plaid back Polo cloth.

Coats for \$17.75, that were \$24.75. There are eight coats at this price, mostly sport model, ideal for Misses' wear, in sizes 16 to 38.

Coats for \$12.45, that were \$19.75. There are only a few at this price, they are very attractive models.

Wooltex Coat \$24.75, that was \$37.50, made of fine velour, lined with best silk, neatly trimmed with tucks, a very attractive coat.

Wooltex Coat \$34.75, that was \$47.50, a good staple coat, a style that is always good.

Salts' Plush Coats

PLUSH COAT, \$29.75, that was \$45.00, has large shawl collar of Wolf Fur, 48 inches long, with a full sweep.

PLUSH COAT, \$21.75, 11.5" was \$32.75, has large opossum collar, 48 inches long.

PLUSH COAT, \$19.75, 11.5" were \$24.75, fine quality plush, 48 inch models.

Ladies' Fur Coats

Why not enjoy one of these very desirable coats, can be had at a great reduction in price.

ONE RUSSIAN MINK COAT, \$75.00, that was \$125.00, has large shawl collar and deep cuffs.

* FUR COATS FOR \$24.75, that were \$37.50, made of Taupe and Kolinsky Candy Fur, best quality, sport models, fancy silk lined, only three coats left.

Children's Coats

Values that mothers will appreciate as well as father. Warm winter coats that will give good service.

Children's Coats, 6 to 14 years.

Coats that were \$10.95, now \$7.05

Coats that were \$7.95, now \$5.95

Children's Coats 2 to 5 years.

Coats that were \$3.05, now \$2.75

Coats that were \$4.95, now \$3.45

Silk Crepe Dresses

Dresses that because of their smart style and good quality will meet with strong favor.

Dresses that were \$24.75, now \$10.75

Dresses that were \$19.75, now \$12.50

Skirts and Shirt Waists

Here are several lots that will surely interest the prudent shopper.

Ladies' Suits

Values offered in these suits are such that those in need of a suit will find exceptional savings.

Suits for \$14.95, that were \$24.75 to \$27.50.

Ladies' Furs

Now Sale Prices place them within the reach of many new customers, money can be well invested in furs that will give years of service.

Muffs of Black Wolf that were \$14.95, sale price \$9.95.

Muffs of French Lynx, were \$9.95 and \$8.95, sale price \$5.95.

One Japanese Mink Muff for \$7.50.

One Raccoon Muff for \$7.50.

One Natural Oony Muff for \$2.95.

Fur Throws and Scarfs of French Lynx.

Furs that were \$15.00, now \$9.95.

Furs that were \$13.50, now \$8.95.

Furs that were \$13.50, now \$8.95.

Furs that were \$9.95, now \$6.95.

Ladies' Wool Dresses

Dresses for street and general wear made of Poiret Twill in several styles, embroidery, beads, panels and new novel sleeves all display newness.

Dresses

Annual Clearance Sale

JANUARY 4th to JANUARY 13th

This year we are offering better values than ever before. Many lines must be closed out regardless of cost. Many others are offered at much less than cost today.

1st quality 27 in. Outing Flannel, 15c per yd.
1st quality 36 in. Outing Flannel, 20c per yd.
All Percale, 36 in., 20c per yd.
54 inch Khaki Shirt Flannel, \$1.25 value at 90c per yd.
36 inch Khaki Outing Flannel, 30c value at 20c per yd.

Ladies' Underwear at Lowest Prices

Heavyweight Vests at 75c each
Heavyweight Union Suits at 98c and \$1.50
Bloomers, white or pink at 45c, were 60c
Children's Union Suits at \$1.00, were 1.25, 1.35
Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garments, all sizes, \$1.00 each

Bed Blankets

Large size, \$1.75 to \$4.00. Extra Values

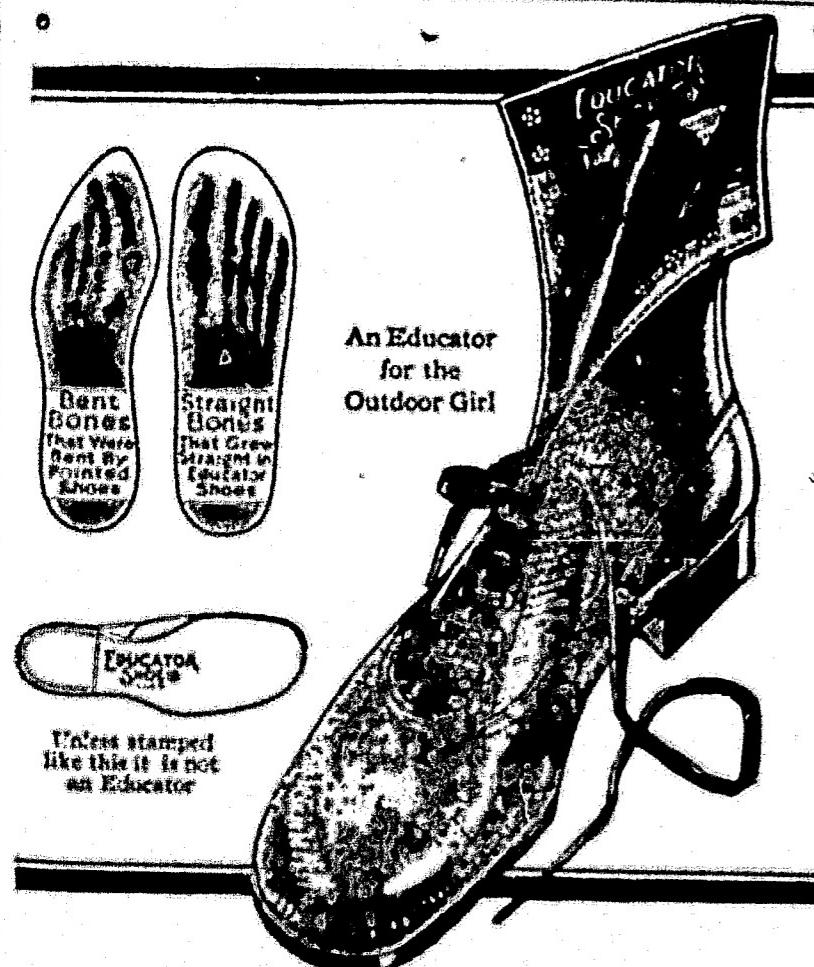
Men's Overcoats

One lot, your choice, at \$15.00. Some were \$30.00 coats; others at \$20.00 and \$25.00, marked down from \$27.50 and \$32.00.

Our Entire Stock of Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats at HALF PRICE.

These are only a few of the many bargains we are offering. You will save money if you buy now, as our stock **must be reduced** at once and our loss is your gain.

BETHEL ROWE'S MAINE



The Correct Shoe for a Growing Girl

M ADE to stand up under the wear and tear an active girl gives her shoes; but more than that, Educators will keep your daughter's feet supple and strong. Don't cramp and pinch her foot bones in vise-like shoes.

RICE & HUTCHINS EDUCATOR SHOE

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
E. N. SWETT SHOE CO. NORWAY, MAINE



COUGH
KEMP'S
BALSAM

In Our Shoe Department we are offering many Ladies' and Children's Shoes at Closing Out Prices

La France Pumps and Oxfords at \$5.00 per pr.
La France Button Boots, \$2.50 per pr.
Ladies' Felt Slippers and Moccasins at cost.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits that were \$40, now \$30.00. A great chance to get a good suit cheap as when this sale is over the prices go up.

Men's Flannel Shirts from 75c to \$5.00 each
Men's Woolen Mittens from 50c to \$1.00 per pr.
Children's Leather Mittens, lined, 25c per pr.
Children's Woolen Mittens, 35c per pr.
Men's Sweaters, were \$1.50, \$1.00 each
Men's Neckties, your choice, 50c each
One lot Men's Negligee Shirts without collar, 75c
Sport Hose, were \$1.25, \$1.00 per pr.
Heavy Woolen Hose at 50c per pr.
Extra Long Woolen Hose, \$1.50 per pr.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

CONVINCING TESTIMONY

Given By Many Bethel People
Experiences told by Bethel people—
Those who have had weak kidneys—
Who used Doan's Kidney Pills—
Who found the remedy effective—
Such statements prove merit.

You might doubt an utter stranger.
You must believe Bethel people.
Here's Bethel proof. Verify it.
Read. Investigate. Be convinced.

You'll find why Bethel folks believe in Doan's.

H. E. Littlefield, prop. auto service,
Main St., says: "Some years ago my kidneys were out of order. I had been over-working at the time and was feeling weak. My back was painful, especially mornings so I was dizzy headed and when I stooped, black specks appeared before my eyes. My kidneys were not in shape. A friend advised Doan's Kidney Pills so I began using them and the one box cured me up in good shape. I have never had a return of my former trouble and recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone in need of a good kidney medicine."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Littlefield had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

"Dear Sir:

"It is with a full desire to praise the work of your well-trained and exceptionally brilliant squad of scouts which came to our assistance on the fire-fighting line along the Tyrone pike on Saturday last, that I am writing this letter to you.

"To begin with, they came fully equipped for the work. Their knowledge of the work was excellent, and they immediately convinced us that their hands were not tied. During my experience on the state force, I have witnessed considerable forest fire fighting, but have never witnessed the equal of these scouts in courage, decision and ability. They proved themselves to be much better than men in obedience and quickness. Their discipline was A No. 1, and there was no buck passing or slacking among them. They went to work carrying out orders and quickly accomplished the extinguishing of the fire.

"At this time, I am taking the pleasure to both commend and thank your scouts for their very excellent work. Yours sincerely,
"E. J. KOHN,
"Sergeant State Police."

A SCOUT'S RANGE OF VISION



This scout is helping a future scout read the great out-of-doors.

ATHLETIC CLUB HOSTS

Because of their scout experience and training, Tim Quesenberry, senior patrol leader of Troop 24, Life Scout and member of boy scout reserve, and Alfred Pressnell, senior patrol leader, Troop 2, Eagle Scout and member of boy scout reserve, have been designated by the Detroit scout council to fill the invitation extended to the council by the Detroit Athletic club to have two scouts spend two months at Camp Yellowstone, a private camp in Yellowstone park. The club will pay the expenses of the trip. The mission of Quesenberry and Pressnell is to present to the scouts at home an appreciation of the wonders of the national playground, and the Detroit council in selecting experienced scouts, expressed the belief that their training would enable them to make careful and helpful observations.

SOUTH BETHEL
There was a New Year party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Denton, Saturday evening. There were about twenty guests present in spite of the severe storm and bad roads. Refreshments were served followed by games which were enjoyed by all.

Willie Massie recently purchased a pig of his brother, Charles Massie.

Mrs. William Stevens of Gilford is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Mike Vaughn and family, who have been at Sanford for the past few months, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks and daughter, Blanche, and Charles Massie were at Lewiston, recently, to attend the funeral of George H. Cross.

Robert H. Gillard of Bethel, minor

wards petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Philo A. Gillard, guardian.

Granville H. Cobb of Gilford, adult

wards petition for license to sell and

convey real estate presented by Frank

G. Cobb, guardian.

Charles H. Bennett late of Gilford, dis-

cased, dual account presented for al-

lowance by Henry H. Hastings, guard-

ian.

Winton, ARTHUR M. STEPHENS,

Judge of probate court at Paris, this third

Tuesday of December in the year of

our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinbefore named.

At a Probate Court at Paris in vaca-

tion in aid for the County of Oxford,

on the twenty-sixth day of Decem-

ber, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

The following matters having been pre-

sented for the action therupon here-

after indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all

persons interested by causing a copy

of this order to be published three

weeks successively in the Oxford Coun-

ty Citizen a newspaper published at

Bethel, in said County, that they may

appear at a Probate Court to be held

at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of

January, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock

in the forenoon, and be heard thereon

if they see cause.

Coyton Howe late of Bethel, deceased,

will and petition for probate thereof,

and the appointment of Herbert C.

Howe as executor of the same to act

without bond as expressed in said will

presented by said Herbert C. Howe, the

executor therein named.

Witness, ARTHUR M. STEPHENS,

Judge of probate court at Paris, this third

Tuesday of December in the year of

our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinbefore named.

At a Probate Court at Paris in vaca-

tion in aid for the County of Oxford,

on the third Tuesday of December in the year of

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twenty-two.

The following matters having been pre-

sented for the action therupon here-

after indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all

persons interested by causing a copy

of this order to be published three

weeks successively in the Oxford Coun-

ty Citizen a newspaper published at

Bethel, in said County, that they may

appear at a Probate Court to be held

at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of

January, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock

in the forenoon, and be heard thereon

if they see cause.

Robert H. Gillard of Bethel, minor

wards petition for license to sell and

convey real estate presented by Philo

A. Gillard, guardian.

Granville H. Cobb of Gilford, adult

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G. Cobb, guardian.

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SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

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OURS is a little town in that part of the country called the West by those who live east of the Alleghenies, and referred to lovingly as "back East" by those who dwell west of the Rockies. It is a country town where, as the song goes, "you know everybody and they all know you" and the country newspaper office is the social clearing house.

In our little newspaper office we are all reporters, and we know many intimate things about people that we do not print.

As the merest incident of the daily grind, it came to the office that the bank cashier, whose retirement was announced with half a column of regret, was caught \$3,500 short, after 20 years of faithful service, and that his wife sold the homestead to make his shorings good.

Though our loathed but esteemed contemporary, the Statesman, speaks of our town as "this city," and calls the marshal "chief of police," we are none the less a country town. Like hundreds of its kind, our little daily newspaper is equipped with typesetting machines and is printed from a web perfecting press, yet it is only a country newspaper, and knowing this, we refuse to put on city airs. Of course, we print the afternoon Associated Press report on the first page, under formal heads and with some pretense of dignity, but that first page is the parlor of the paper, as it is of most of its contemporaries, and in the other pages they and we go around in our shirt sleeves, calling people by their first names; teasing the boys and girls good-naturedly; tickling the pompous members of the village with straws from time to time, and letting out the family secrets of the community without much regard for the feelings of the supercilious.

Nine or ten thousand people in our town go to bed on this kind of mental pavilion, as do country town dwellers all over the United States, and although we do not claim that it is helpful, we do contend that it does not hurt them. Certainly by poking mild fun at the shamans—the town pharisees—we make it more difficult to maintain the class lines which the preachers would establish. Possibly by printing the news of everything that happens, suppressing nothing "on account of the respectability of the parties concerned," we may prevent some evildoers from going on with their plans, but this is mere conjecture, and we do not set it down to our credit. What we maintain is that in printing our little country dailies, we, the writers, from one end of the world to the other, get more than our share of fun out of life as we go along, and pass as much of it on to our neighbors as we can spare.

Because we live in country towns, where the only car gongs we hear are on the bakers' wagon, and where the horses in the fire department work on the streets, is no reason why city dwellers should assume that we are savages. We have no dialect worth recording—save that some of us westerners bark our "g's" a little or drop an occasional final "g." But you will find that all the things advertised in the backs of the magazines are in car houses, and that the young men in our towns walking home at midnight, with their coats over their arms, whilst the same popular girls that loafers take are whistling in New York, Portland, San Francisco or New Orleans that same evening. Our girls are those pretty, robust, well-dressed young women whom you see at the summer resorts from Colorado beach to Barbados bay. In the fall and winter these girls fill the colleges of the East and the state universities of the West. We take all the beautiful garden magazines and our terra cotta works and turning out creditable vases—which we pronounce "vases," you may be sure—for formal gardens. And though we men for the most part run our lawnmowers, and personally look after the work of the college boy who takes care of the horses and the cow for his room, still there are a few of us proud and haughty creatures who have aristocracies. At the flower kiosk in our own little town last October there were ten automobiles lined up, decked with paper flowers and bows with pretty girls in taffeta and feathers and lace—as though a matter of fact most of the lines were "Indian head." And our particular little country paper printed an item to the effect that the real social life of文明 in the town lies not between the cutlass set and the deer-horned hand-painted chaps, but between the real nobility who wear green berets and the base imitations who wear Indian head.

In some towns an item like that would make people mad, but we have our people trained to stand a good deal. They know that it costs them five cents a line for cards of thanks and resolutions of respect as they write them in. They know that no paper never prints "one who was born" to report social functions, so that dear old correspondent has remained; and because we have insisted for years on making an item about the meetings that are served in spring or any dinner or reception, together with the cost per person of the dinner, the town has become used to our

attitude and does not buzz with indignation when we poke a risible finger at the home-made costumes of the Plymouth Daughters when they present "The Mikado" to pay for the new pipe organ. Indeed, so used is the town to our ways that when there was great talk last winter about Mrs. Frelinghuysen for serving fresh strawberries over the ice cream at her luncheon in February, just after her husband had gone through bankruptcy, she called up Miss Larabee, our society editor, on the telephone and asked her to make a little item saying that the strawberries served by Mrs. Frelinghuysen at her luncheon were not fresh, but were sun-dried. This we did gladly and printed her recipe.

So, gradually, without our intending to establish it, a family vernacular has grown up in the paper which one people understand, but which—like all other family vernaculars—is Greek to those outside the circle. Thus we say: "Bill Parker is making his eighth biennial distribution of cigars today for a boy."

City papers would print it: "Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker, a baby boy."

Again we print this item: "Mrs. Merriman is getting ready to lend her fern to the Norton, June 15."

That doesn't mean anything, unless you happen to know that Mrs. Merriman has the prettiest Boston fern in town, and that no how window is properly decorated at any wedding without that fern. In larger towns the same item would appear thus:

"Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Cecil Norton and Mr. Collis R. Hatcher at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Norton, 1022 High street, June 15."

A plain drunk is generally referred to in our columns as "a guest of Marshal Ferguson's informal house-party," and when a group of drunk-and-disorderlies is brought in we feel free to say of their evening diversion that they "spent the happy hours, after refreshments, playing progressive hell." And this brings us to the consideration of the most important personage with whom we have to deal. In what we call "social circles" the most important personages are Mrs. Julia Neal Worthington and Mrs. Priscilla Winthrop Conklin, who keep two hired girls and can pay five dollars a week for them when the prevailing price is three. In financial circles the most

posed to be doing a back-door beer business," he again is "the authorities," and contends that the word strikes more terror into the hearts of evil-doers than the mere name, Marshal Ferguson.

Next in rank to "the authorities" in the diplomatic corps of the office, come our advertisers: The proprietors of the White Front Dry Goods store, the Golden Eagle Clothing store, and the Bee Hive. These men can come nearer to dictating the paper's policy than the bankers and politicians who are supposed to control country newspapers. Though we are charged with being the "organ" of any of half a dozen politicians whom we happen to speak of kindly at various times, we have little real use for politicians in our office, and a business man who brings in \$60 or 70 dollars' worth of advertising every month has more influence with us than all the politicians in the county. This is the situation in most newspaper offices that succeed, and when any other situation prevails, when politicians control editors, the newspapers don't pay well, and sooner or later the politicians are bankrupt.

The only person in town whom all the merchants desire us to poke fun at is Mail Order Petrie. Mail Order Petrie is a nicely old codger who buys everything out of town that he can buy a penny cheaper than the home merchant sells it. He is a hard-working man, so far as that goes, and so stingy that he has been accused of going barefoot in the summer time to save shoes. When he is sick he sends out of town for patent medicines, and for ten years he worked in his truck garden, fighting floods and droughts, bugs and blight, to save something a hundred dollars, which he put in a mail order bank in St. Louis. When it failed he grained at the fellow who twisted him of his loss, and said: "Oh, come easy, go easy!"

A few years ago he subscribed to a matrimonial paper, and one day he appeared at the office of the probate Judge with a mail order wife, who, when they had been married a few years, went to an orphan asylum and got a mail order baby. We had considerable sport with Mail Order Petrie, and he has become so used to it that he likes it.

And this is the material with which we do our "day's work" Mail Order Petrie. Marshal Ferguson, the pretty

American Farm Bureau



Howard M. Gore and "Brownie," His Pet.

Howard M. Gore is chief of market practices of the packer-stockyards administration. Chief Gore loves cattle.

"Sometimes I think I love them too well," he says. "Back on Crooked Run, in West Virginia, we had at one time on our farm a big steer we called Brownie. We had petted him and taught him to stick his tongue in our coat pockets to get a nibble of corn or a lick of salt.

"He never came home from a county fair or a stock show without the purple ribbon. Isidore Meyer of New York, who saw the steer, told us to send him to his concern there and he would make him bring more than any steer ever brought on the New York market.

"We decided to ship out. I was down at the pasture gate to see the boys turn the cattle out to move them to town. As I stood there I felt a tongue stuck into my coat pocket and later it creased my face. I opened the gate and turned Brownie back into the pasture."

FRUIT GROWERS PLAN LARGE SALES AGENCY

Fruit Grower Enabled to Sell His Product Co-operatively at All City Markets.

The establishment of a nation-wide sales and distribution service by the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., has just been announced by the American Farm Bureau Federation. A contract has been signed with the North American Fruit Exchange whereby the force and effectiveness of the two organizations are brought together under the name of the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., effective January 1, 1923.

The North American Fruit Exchange has been operating as a nation-wide cooperative sales agency for fruit and vegetable products since 1911 and is now being used by a large number of cooperative associations and is said to be the largest of all sales organizations serving the general fruit and vegetable industry. The arrangement is effected in order to give the Federated Fruit Growers' members the advantage of an experienced sales service.

Arthur R. Rule, vice-president and general manager of the North American Fruit Exchange, will become general manager of the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., beginning January 1, 1923. Mr. Rule has had a wide ex-

perience in the marketing of perishables, and improved service for the consumers. From member co-operative associations of the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., and the larger permanent clientele of the North American Fruit Exchange sufficient tonnage is already assured to make the new co-operative sales service a pronounced and continued success from a business point of view."

Commenting on the uniting of the North American Fruit Exchange and the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., recently organized under the auspices of the American Farm Bureau Federation, J. R. Howard, president of the latter, made the following brief statement: "I believe this to be one of the greatest accomplishments yet made in the development of cooperative marketing and in the elevation of taste between the producer and the consumer."

MILK AND CREAM ON MARKET Producers Adjacent to Four Large Cities Completing Co-operative Organization.

Ohio milk producers are rapidly completing their co-operative marketing organizations, according to reports received from the State Farm Bureau Federation, Organization activities center around the Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Cleveland territories.

In the Columbus market territory the Scioto Valley Cooperative Milk Producers' Association is just starting membership work. They are setting up an organization which leaders promise will give real service to producer, buyer and consumer of milk in the bringing of both milk and cream to market.

The Miami Valley Milk Producers' association has employed A. P. Hedrick, county agent in Montgomery county, as general manager. They are working hard to complete their organization in about two counties remaining in the district before starting on their national sales work.

In the Cleveland and Cincinnati territories the activities are largely of a reorganization nature and extension of areas covered. Membership campaigns are going forward in both sections, and the organizations, under new leadership, are being strengthened. E. D. Ward, marketing specialist of the farm bureau federation is working with all four groups.

AIM OF VEGETABLE GROWERS Ohio Producers Cooperating With Farmers in Other States to Increase Sales.

ience in the marketing of perishables, in the conference which resulted in these arrangements, it developed quite clearly that Mr. Rule and his associates had in mind the same ideals as the farm bureau committee.

Since the plan of the Federated Fruit Growers meets with the ideals which Mr. Rule and his associates had in mind from the start, it was not difficult to effect an arrangement by which the two organizations will be merged. The principle of a grower-owned and government-controlled organization is adhered to in this program which is in full accord with the views of the farm bureau committee.

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Vegetable growers of Ohio are co-operating with growers in other states to tell the story of their product to the consumer, according to C. W. Wald, marketing specialist of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. The plan has already been adopted by the Cincinnati Market Gardeners' association and was received with enthusiasm at a recent meeting.

The idea is half around an "Ohio Vegetables for Vlakland" slogan. One of the main points to be emphasized in the project is the large amount of meat vegetables of all of the varieties that scientists declare necessary for growth and health. Vegetable growers in some sections have already started work on the plan, and it is probable that other local organizations as well as the Vegetable Growers' Association of America will get behind the plan.

IT HAPPENED IN NEW ENGLAND

News of General Interest From the Six States

Samuel Fagelman, 26, machinist, living in Boston, won a verdict of \$12,500 from a Suffolk jury in his suit against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Company for the loss of his right leg when run over by a train at Readville.

A check for \$10,000 has been received by Walter A. Danforth, treasurer of the Eastern Maine General Hospital drive for funds, the gift of Col. Simon J. Murphy, Jr., now living in Pasadena, Calif.

A statement issued by the directors of the Vermont National Bank and the People's National Bank, Brattleboro, Vt., recommends to the stockholders of both institutions a merger of the banks under the name of the Vermont People's National Bank.

Straight jail sentences for all violators is the only course to follow to properly enforce the prohibition law, Gov. Baxter of Maine, declared in a statement giving his views of law enforcement and steps necessary to curb the growing tendency to hold the dry law in disrespect.

P. H. Lombard of Boston, a summer resident of Cape Cod, is anxious to purchase Penikese Island. He has already been in conference with the state board of health, trying to buy the former refuge for lepers. If successful he will pasture sheep on the island.

"No Thanksgiving raffles this year" was the edict that went forth from Lewiston, Me., police headquarters. In years past, on the night before Thanksgiving, it has been the custom for groups to gather at different places including some of the leading markets of the city, to "roll the dice" for chicken or turkey.

The first cargo of grain ever shipped from Boston to Algiers left last week in the holds of the Dutch steamer "Hilversum." This steamer took out 120,000 bushels of Canadian wheat. This cargo, it is understood, is for the Algerian government and it is possible that it may be followed by other cargoes from Boston.

The big game hunting season in Maine has exacted a toll of nine lives, seven less than the record of last year. Four persons were mistaken for deer, one was accidentally shot by his brother, another was killed by the accidental discharge of a companion's gun and two by accidental discharge of their own guns. One hunter was drowned.

The hopes of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Champagne of Manchester, N. H., that they had found their son, who was kidnapped by gypsies 18 years ago, were shattered by a letter received by Atty. M. H. Sullivan of Haverhill, which stated that "Dort Savoy" of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is the son of a North Dakota young woman and was born in a maternity house in Indianapolis.

The sheep industry generally in Maine is in a highly satisfactory condition, with prospects bright, according to C. H. Crawford, sheep specialist of the Maine department of agriculture and secretary and manager of the Maine Sheep and Wool Growers' Association. Many new flocks are being started this fall and most of the old flocks are being enlarged. The quality of the stock is much better than formerly, more attention being paid to breeding.

Nicholas Ludovic Demanche, 38, a drifter of New Bedford, has received word that he is an heir to an estate of a salary \$12,000,000. But he is as cautious and as not letting himself think about it pending arrival of proof. Cousins of Demanche, Napoleon Demanche of 80 Central avenue, that city, and a Demanche from Hartford, called on Nicholas and showed him a paper which read: "Twelve million dollars is on deposit to the Bank of France, to be divided among the heirs of the family of Nicholas Demanche, founder of Dracutsville, P. Q., Canada, in 1815."

The members of the board of state assessors, Clement S. Stevens of Greene, Me., John J. Dearborn of Newberg and Wilbur F. Dresser of South Portland, committed the assessment taxes on the savings bank, the trust and banking companies and the loan and building associations doing business in the state. A tax of \$102,231 is assessed against the savings bank as against \$102,232 at the last commitment, a decrease of \$1. The heaviest tax is assessed against the Maine Savings Bank of Portland, with the Portland Savings Bank second, the Bath Savings Bank third and the Aroostook and Bangor Savings Institution fourth. The smallest tax is assessed against the Springfield Savings Bank.

A state bureau for the education of employers and employees with regard to measures meeting with success elsewhere in overcoming the evils of unemployment was advocated in Boston, by Stockton Harwood, secretary of the Family Welfare Society. Harwood was speaking before the special commission on unemployment and insurance work at the State House. Another suggestion made by the speaker was that a system of unemployment insurance along lines somewhat similar to the workmen's compensation act be adopted.



Suppressing Nothing "On Account of the Respectability of the Parties Concerned."



Arthur R. Rule.

girls in the theater parade, the wise club women, the cigar smokers, the proud owner of the automobile, the "respectable" parties concerned," the proprietor of the Golden Eagle, the circus in the Bee Hive, the country girl who aspires to be a professional actress, the teetotaler, the girl who smokes ten-cent cigars and has the only room with a bath" at the Hotel Metropole. But we, in the publication of our newspaper, the most important percentage is the division experimental, who smoke ten-cent cigars and has the only room with a bath" at the Hotel Metropole. But we, in the publication of our newspaper, the most important percentage is in Marshal Ferguson.

If you ever looked out of the car window as you passed through town, you undoubtedly saw him at the depot, walking bravely up and down the platform, peering into the faces of strangers. He is even on the outside though nothing more has happened in our county for years than an assault and battery. Not Marshal Ferguson never refrained his watch. In winter, clad in his uniform and campaign coat, he is a familiar figure on our streets, and in summer, without coat or vest, with his big silver star on which is stamped "Chief of Police," pinned to his sleeve. He may be seen at any point where trouble is least likely to break out. He is the only man in the town who we are afraid to meet, because he is our chief source of news. When we particularly desire to please him, we refer to him as "the authorities." If the Falcons grocer has been invaded through the back window and a box of ping tobacco stolen, Marshal Ferguson is delighted to read in the paper that "the authorities have an unfeigned view and the arrest may be expected at any time." He is "the authorities." If the authorities have their eyes on a certain barber shop on South Main street, which is sup-

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12-12

NOTICE

Brown, D. Daniels, Chiropractor, will be at Mrs. J. C. Billings' Monday and Friday of each week from 5 to 8 P.M.

FOR SALE—The F. G. Pitts home on Main Street, Bethel. House contains 8 rooms and 3 finished rooms, bath room, electric lights. Inquiry of A. L. Pitts, Bethel, Me., or F. C. Pitts, Box 661, North Paris, Me. 9-712

FOR SALE—Dry and green wood, both chaff and round. Inquiry of PHIL LITTLEFIELD, Albany, Maine. 12-23

FOR SALE—An Organ in good condition. Inquiry of H. M. CHOOD, Bethel, Maine. 12-23

PIANO TUNING—H. L. White will be in Bethel about Jan. 15th. Leave orders with Dennis Frost, phone 4511, or write me at 8 Sheridan Ave., Acme, Me. 12-23 1/2

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\$2,000,000 pc. New Government Wool Underwear purchased by us to sell to the public direct at the MARKET. Actual retail value \$200 each. All sizes. White \$4 to \$6. Darker \$5 to \$6. Send our ad. Pay Postage on delivery or send us money order. If satisfaction is not satisfactory, we will refund money promptly on request. Dept. 24, The Pringle Mfg. Co., 1479 Broadway New York, N. Y. 11-2841

FOR SALE—First quality loons hay. Inquiry of Dr. W. B. Twissell, Bethel, Me. 1-1

FOR SALE—House containing eight rooms and bath, wood for electric lights, furnace and shing. This house is about completed and ready for sale at a reasonable price. Inquiry of Fred Clark, Bethel, Me. 12-12

TELETYPE RENTALS—We can give you a sample for any make typewriter you want. Call up the Citizen Office and ask us about it.

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He is Interested
He wants a good fit
Bridle and he is
for a leather fit, he
well knows that
50 Horse Stamps last
longer and stronger than
any other.

We Sell Them
Allen's Shoe Store
Bethel, Maine

Clearance Sale
OF
Broken Lots
OF
Children's Underwear
AT
LYON'S
THIS WEEK

Customer Protection
Protection is the business of Lyon's and
they will keep it from fading and
wrinkling in the greatest measure.

NEW FOREST SUPERVISOR
WHITE MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL FOREST

Letter Received from District Forester

Mr. D. M. Peifer,
P.O. Oxford County Citizen,
Bethel, Me.
Date 8-2.

Agnes has the Forest Service been called upon to supply a well trained man for the service of forestry outside of the National Forest. Seeking a manager for the college forest, as well as an Instructor in forestry, Middlebury College of Vermont has made a very attractive offer to Forest Supervisor J. J. Price of the White Mountain National Forest. Mr. Pitts has accepted, with his approval, and will take up his duties about January 1. The Forest Service has found a trained and highly qualified administrative officer. The compelling factors are that Mr. Pitts will continue in forestry work and that he will have an opportunity to do a big job with the promise of equally big accomplishments.

Mr. Isa T. Varnell, who for the past three years has been assistant supervisor of the Virgin National Forest and Game Preserve in North Carolina, has been selected to succeed Mr. Pitts at Oxford. Mr. Varnell entered the Forest Service in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Pennsylvania State College. He was first assigned to the Pocono Forest, now a part of the Santa Fe Forest in New Mexico. Advancing steadily through the administrative grades he became supervisor of the Tuscarora Forest in Arkansas in 1917. In 1919 ill health, resulting from the 3 years work in the high altitude of the Northwest, caused him to seek a transfer to the eastern forest and he was assigned to the Pisgah in September of that year.

Throughout his career in the Forest Service, Mr. Varnell has demonstrated exceptional ability and efficiency as an administrator, and in organizing and developing the department. His record is one of repeated New England awards. He has complete confidence that under his direction the present high standard of National Forest administration will be maintained and steadily advanced.

Having had deeply appreciating personal contact in the White Mountain National Forest, I take this occasion of addressing you as the representative commanding the charge in the superintendence and of assuring you that the interests of the New England public will be given most careful consideration in selecting Mr. Pitts' successor. I beg you to appreciate Varnell a very capable of your constructive features and action support.

Very truly yours,
P. W. REED,
District Forester

COAL AND THE RAILROADS

About half the freight loaded on railroads according to an estimate made by a well informed man expert in both mining and transportation, is contributed by coal coal mines. This portion includes coal loaded at the mines and coal loaded at the mines, both destined to consumers all over the country, and coal loaded for the railroads themselves, as well as articles of mine equipment and supply loaded at railroad centers more or less distant from the coal mines. Even though the figures may later be shown, as full or percentages of the facts, to be some what high, the big outstanding truth is that the coal miners and the railroads are separated on a large scale is the backbone of the country. This repeat myself, based on mutual interest—the railroads being the largest purchaser of coal and the miners being the largest owners of the railroads—give special significance to a conference held recently between a representative committee of the American Railway Association and the United States Coal Commission.

The railroads were present at that conference with their desire to cooperate in the task of facilitating by eliminating difficulties which they could not possibly control. The power of the railroads is only the introduction to the larger question—What contribution is railroads equipment to the cause of the miners? What can the railroads offer to pay to miners? What can the miners demand for coal? The operating officials of the railroads can also point to the effects of seasonal movement of coal and other minerals on the cost of operation of their roads.

The coal operators are themselves responsible of the great demand for transportation owing to coal from the western fields for coal. One large shipping corporation in the Middle West has several routes made up around its coast so the cost of a flat page reproduction of a photograph of two large locomotives and horses on the tracks, and the simple legend "Load you see the flat?"

Many Railways have been hauling hay from the home here to New York. George Dewey of Worcester was in town last week after a long absence. He and Walter Fall a pair of horses

IF MOTHERS ONLY KNEW

Thousands of Children Suffer From Worms and Their Mothers Do Not Know What the Trouble Is

Siges of Worms are Constitution damaged stomach, swollen upper lip, offensive breath, hard and full stomach with pains pale face, eyes heavy, short dry cough, grinding of teeth, little red points on the tongue, starting during sleep with trembles.

Mrs. H. N. Roberts, 502 Argyle St., Flint, Mich., wrote to Dr. J. V. Tracy & Co.: "My little girl is relieved of her worms." And in a later letter wrote: "Baby is fine and it was some medicine, Dr. Tracy's Elixir, the true Family Tonic and Worm Expeller, that helped her."

A favorite for over 70 years; mild in action and pleasant to take—the kids like it. 40c-60c-80c.

SCHOOL NOTES

CHRISTMAS AT THE BONNIE BROWN SCHOOLHOUSE

Miss Clara Mason closed her school at South Bethel for a week's vacation Dec. 22, and that evening everyone was invited to the Christmas tree and entertainment.

The Bonnie Brown School House was aglow with lights and gay with Christmas wreaths and decorations while the gleeful sound of children's happy voices was heard ringing out in the crisp winter night.

Mr. Frank Brooks had furnished a beautiful tree which occupied a prominent place trimmed with bright garlands and laden with mysterious packages. Mrs. Agnes Walker loaned her piano and Mrs. Yeargle her phonograph and everything combined to make the room very attractive. The following program was well carried out:

"Song of Christmas," Ethel Yeargle
"The Reason," Edwin Brown
"Composition," Xmas in Other Lands," Bertha Stevens
"The Christmas Tree," Katie Hartlett
"A Little Have," Archie Stevens
"Christmas Tree," John Hodgkins
"Dances," Eddie Chase

Two Girls and Two Boys, Edward Chase
Vocal Duet and Encore,

Gertude Walker and Jessie Coffin
"Christmas in Xmas," Gerald Walker
"It Can't Be Done," Alfred Mason
Music Selections on the Phonograph
"The Spelling Lesson," Robert Brown
"Why," Ethel Yeargle
"Amen and White's Prayer," Brenda Collins

Song and Story, Gertie Martin
Recitation, Clyde Yeargle
Poem, Elmer Stevens
Reading, Gertude Walker
"I'd Like to Know," Richard Hartnett
"Herrah," George Tibbets

Dramatic, "Bad Boys," Raymond Hartnett and Vera Tibbets
"Santa's Coming," Bertha Stevens
"How I'd Like It!" Richard Hartnett
Dramatic, "Opportunity," Harry Chase
Reading, "The Doctor's Story," Mrs. Addie E. Mason
Recitation, Wanda Tibbets
Music, Selections on Phonograph
"Scarecrow Santa Claus," Gertie Martin

Kids Boys and Three Girls, Eddie Chase
Then Santa Claus appeared and helped to distribute the gifts, after which a social time was enjoyed by the many parents and friends who had filled the school house and by their wives and help added much to the evening's enjoyment.

CAN'T DILATE LODON
An organization of progressive Massachusetts Republicans has sent a protest to the United States Senate against accepting the credentials of Senator Lodge. In their attempt at dislodging them they called Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge several things that were not mentioned in the christening something over seventy years ago. The protest evidently did not get far as the Senate "put the power in the file," where they will dilate results indefinitely.

SECTION BETWEEN SNOW-CHEATED FREIGHT YARDS AND DELAYED COAL AT THE END OF THE LINE
When coal is most needed. How much of this unusual burden on the railroads can reasonably be avoided is one of the questions the American Railway Association can help President Harding's Coal Commission to answer. Possibly the commission's public can itself help in lessening the cost both of handling coal and of mining it.

LOCKIN' MILL
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crossley of Portland were guests and guests of honor. Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cole.

Miss Edith Farber is near from the U. of M. for a few days.

Mrs. Russell Tibbets and her mother, Mrs. Charles, visited with relatives in Berlin, N. H., Thursday and Friday.

Henry Swan of Lanesboro took care with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Swan, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Krebsius returned relatives from Norway, Tuesday. George Norrell raised one of his brooks off to the milk, Friday.

Mr. Norton of Penobscot was a guest of relatives, Sunday.

ENDWAY

H. R. Hastings and F. J. French have having their business done. The school did not keep him last Friday as the snow was so deep and no road.

Miss Bailey has been leading boy from his home here to Ms. Newry. Newell Geddes of Newry was in town last week after a long absence. He and Walter Fall a pair of horses

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bank working in connection with its members, and with the whole financial support of the Government, is enabled to command such a volume of wealth that it can, if necessary, run a trainload of money onto a "sliding" whenever it is necessary to save an impending financial crisis.

Of course the science of credits includes due respect for "conservative methods"—always dear to bankers. Financial science is opposed to being inflated until its skin gets to the point where it may pop like a toy balloon. Nevertheless, the Federal banking scheme worked out under the guidance of "systems" in the Civil War period and nine years ago, are susceptible of intelligent treatment that will produce "elasticity." The "farm bloc" and the farmers of the country want the fullest degree of this elasticity, consistent with safety-first methods capable of being developed in the realms of credit science.

BUNCHING THEM BUDGET

General Davis, out in Chicago, has buried a broadside at the Post Office "bureaucrats" who have failed to produce a balance-sheet showing the condition of their business year. As Budget Director the Chicagoan worked the balance sheet, but the men who have been running the Post Office Department "bunched it." In 1920-21 the deficit of the Post Office was \$157,000,000. In 1921-22 it was \$80,700,000. The accounts of the Department do not, however, show where the actual losses occur. And that is why Davis is mad. When he left Washington he supposed that the budget sheet adopted under the widely heralded "budget system" would tell the actual story of results in the Post Office Department. But the "bureaucrats" old back into their old habits, and there is no way of telling why Uncle Sam runs so far behind in his post office.

Former Postmaster General Hayes

contests the opinion that sixty per cent of the Department's losses are due to the parcel post. Now that the Christmas mail has been survived, and with express fresh with memories of the bargain in delivery service at the post office, it is not hard to agree with Mr.

Hayes and other good business men who do not nothing short of inefficiency in the business methods in the rates on packages charged by the post offices.

Those who take the trouble to follow

President will certainly find him their sympathy, because it is quite conceivable that so large an institution as the Post Office Department should be unable to tell where their millions are lost in carrying on their traffic.

PRESIDENT WANTS TO

SEE ALASKA

If Mrs. Harding's health will permit and the waiting European nations can spare her the time, and the political affairs in Washington will not suffer in consequence, then President Harding will go to Alaska next summer. The President says he hopes that by making a personal investigation of conditions that he may be of help to that

adjoining region.

RICHARD HARTNETT
Dramatic, "Opportunity," Harry Chase
Reading, "The Doctor's Story," Mrs. Addie E. Mason
Recitation, Wanda Tibbets
Music, Selections on Phonograph
"Scarecrow Santa Claus," Gertie Martin

Kids Boys and Three Girls, Eddie Chase
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